

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 15, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 391, 2/7/2017; SB 86, 2/10/2017; SB 420, 2/10/2017

HEARING ON HB 391**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:10 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 391, Provide for Montana earned income tax credit.

Proponents:

00:06:56 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
EXHIBIT(tah33a01)

00:11:06 Carin McClain, Montana Credit Unions
00:12:12 Jessica Michel, Self
00:14:51 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)
00:15:42 Fran Viereck, Montana AARP
00:16:56 Jacalyn Boyle, Self
00:19:16 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote (MWV)
00:21:39 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
00:24:07 Jennifer Lehman, Rural Dynamics Incorporated (RDI)
00:26:49 Alison Munson, United Way Montana
00:28:20 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses:

00:28:58 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:17 Rep. White
00:29:54 Rep. Jacobson
00:30:38 Rep. White
00:30:43 Dan Dodds, DOR
00:31:34 Rep. Abbott
00:31:54 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:33:28 Rep. A. Hertz
00:34:55 Dan Dodds, DOR
00:35:59 Rep. Fern
00:36:56 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:38:22 Rep. A. Hertz
00:39:11 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:40:06 Rep. Hamilton
00:40:42 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:41:14 Chair Essmann
00:41:41 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:19 Rep. Jacobson

HEARING ON SB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:49 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 86, Reinstate the enhanced recovery tax incentive for oil.

EXHIBIT(tah33a02)

Proponents:

00:50:20 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:52:20 Mark Baker, Denbury Resources

00:55:27 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

Opponents:

00:56:19 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:58:03 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:15 Rep. Redfield

01:01:07 Sen. Richmond

01:01:34 Rep. Fern

01:02:37 Sen. Richmond

01:04:53 Rep. Hamilton

01:05:19 Adam Haight, NPRC

01:05:59 Rep. Dunwell

01:08:45 Sen. Richmond

01:09:46 Rep. Hamilton

01:15:27 Sen. Richmond

01:16:06 Rep. Abbott

01:16:30 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:16:43 Rep. Dunwell

01:17:23 Sen. Richmond

01:18:07 Chair Essmann

01:22:23 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:08 Sen. Richmond

HEARING ON HB 420

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:27 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 420, Revise allocation of oil and gas revenue for oil and natural gas impact projects.

Proponents:

01:32:52 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

01:33:38 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Opponents:

01:34:09 E. J. Redding, Bainville Public School Board
01:36:03 Director Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:37:29 John Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:00 Rep. Beard
01:41:27 Rep. Hamlett
01:42:50 Rep. Fern
01:44:38 Rep. Hamlett
01:46:02 Chair Essmann
01:48:06 Rep. Hamlett
01:48:50 Chair Essmann
01:50:10 E. J. Redding, Bainville Public School Board
01:52:44 Rep. Hamilton
01:53:41 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:57 Rep. Hamlett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:04:12

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah33aad.pdf](#))